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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 927
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Mack Hawks and the Oakland High School baseball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary school Athletic Association Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to salute those outstanding athletic teams whose accomplishments are a great source of pride for their school and community; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland High School baseball team is one such outstanding team, which recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state baseball championship; and

WHEREAS, Oakland won the regular season District 7 AAA title, with an excellent 12-1 record; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots won the District 7 AAA Tournament with an impressive victory over Lebanon 12-0, and defeated Cookeville twice 8-1 and 5-1; and

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WHEREAS, Oakland next captured the Region 4 Tournament trophy, beating Lincoln County 1-0 and Columbia 13-3; and gained a coveted spot in the State Tournament, winning their sectional game against Bradley County 11-0; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots won the Class AAA State Tournament, besting Hendersonville 4-1, Germantown 3-1 and Hendersonville again 4-0, in the crucial title game; and

WHEREAS, they completed their memorable season with a marvelous 40-3 overall record, a winning percentage of .930; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has been rated the seventh-best high school team in the nation by the Fox Broadcasting System; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded head coach Mack Hawks has done an exemplary job of molding the players into a championship caliber team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hawk's able staff of assistant coaches included Jeff Mitchell and Todd Williamson. His managers were Brian Josey and Jacob Lamb. and

WHEREAS, the members of the team were seniors, Shane Vaughn, Chuck Akers, Stevie Kline, Jason Sharber, John Williams, Patrick Hicklen, and Stephen McGowan; juniors, Tommy Smith, Eric Porter, Caleb Barrett, Matt Lane, Chris Warren, Jeremy Slayden, and Noah Thompson; and sophomores, Brad Todd, Blake Melton, Nick Jones, Daniel West, Jake Birkofer, and John Peterson; each of whom contributed to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commemorate the accomplishments of this fine team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Mack Hawks and the Oakland High School baseball team on winning the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state championship and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.